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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ROANOKE DIVISION

WILLIAM C. HICKS,) CASE NO. 7:12CV00049
Petitioner,)
v.)) FINAL ORDER
HAROLD CLARKE, DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT)
OF CORRECTIONS,) By: James C. Turk) Senior United States District Judge
Respondent.)

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is hereby

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED

that the motion to dismiss (ECF No. 9) is **GRANTED**; the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, is **DISMISSED** as untimely filed; petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (ECF No. 15) is **DENIED**; and this action is stricken from the active docket of the court.

Further, finding that petitioner has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1), a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

ENTER: This 3 day of January, 2013.

Senior United States District Judge